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9909 Department of Inspector General **ACT#: 76** **SECTION#: 23**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
SHARED SERVICES. (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create a Shared Services paying accounts on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal services and operating expenses in the Shared Services Paying Account appropriation by the Department of Inspector General. (2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. (3) The transfer authority provided to the department in subdivision (a)(2) of this section may be used to make transfers only within the department's appropriation act or between other appropriation acts authorized for the department. (b) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of passage through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	AGENCY REQUEST

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9902 Department of Commerce **ACT#: 129** **SECTION#: 23**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. (a)(1) Upon a determination by the Secretary of the Department of Commerce that a reallocation of resources for the purpose of reorganization or consolidation of administrative functions within or between divisions is necessary for an efficient and effective operation of the department, the secretary, with approval of the Governor and prior approval by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, shall have the authority to request from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a transfer of positions, appropriations, programs, and funds between divisions or other budgetary units of the department. (2) The transfer of positions, programs, or activities shall be used for the purpose for which the appropriation was approved by the General Assembly. (3) Upon the approval by the Governor, the Secretary of the Department of Commerce shall request of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a transfer of positions, programs, funds, appropriations, and/or line item appropriations within or between existing and newly created divisions, offices, sections and/or units. (4) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall initiate the necessary transfer documents to reflect transfers upon the fiscal records of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and the Divisions of the Commerce Department. (5) The secretary shall be limited to submitting no more than two (2) individual transaction transfer requests during any fiscal year. (b)(1)(A) Determining the maximum number of employees and the	AGENCY REQUEST

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. (B) This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization Law. (C) Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Department of Commerce may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the department under the Reallocation of Resources provisions herein. (2)(A) Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. (B) If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this section is void. (c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
SHARED SERVICES. (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create a Shared Services paying account on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal services and operating expenses in the Shared Services Paying Account appropriation section of this act by the Department of Commerce. (2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. (3) The transfer authority provided to the department in subdivision (a)(2) of this section may be used to make transfers only within the department's appropriation act or between other appropriation acts authorized for the department. (b) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of passage through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	AGENCY REQUEST

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0790 DOC - Economic Development Commission **ACT#: 129** **SECTION#: 24**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
FUND TRANSFER PROVISION. (a)(1) As requested from time to time by the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may transfer on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State, the sum not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account to the Minority and Women-Owned Business Loan Mobilization Revolving Fund to provide funds for the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Loan Mobilization appropriation herein. (b) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	AGENCY REQUEST

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0790 DOC - Economic Development Commission **ACT#: 129** **SECTION#: 25**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
CARRY FORWARD - MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS LOAN MOBILIZATION REVOLVING FUND. (a) Any unexpended balance of funds for the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Loan Mobilization appropriation that remains at the close of each fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year to be used for the same purpose as set forth by law. (b) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	AGENCY REQUEST

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0790 DOC - Economic Development Commission **ACT#: 129** **SECTION#: 26**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
TRANSFER PROVISION - STATE OPERATIONS. (a) After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior review by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item appropriation authorized in the State Operations section of this act to any other line item appropriation authorized in the State Operations section of this act. (b)(1)(A) Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. (B) This is usually accomplished by delineating the maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization Law. (C) Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Arkansas Economic Development Commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the commission authorizing broad powers under this section. (2)(A) Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. (B) The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section.	AGENCY REQUEST

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(C) If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this section is void. (c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	

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0790 DOC - Economic Development Commission **ACT#: 129** **SECTION#: 27**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
FOREIGN OFFICE OPERATIONS. (a)(1) The Arkansas Economic Development Commission may enter into contracts with private and/or public companies, corporations, individuals, or organizations for the purpose of operating foreign offices that shall only: (A) Provide export trade assistance to Arkansas-based businesses; (B) Facilitate the repatriation to Arkansas manufacturing businesses operating overseas; and (C) Encourage direct investment in Arkansas of foreign companies that are not state-owned or controlled. (2) Arkansas Code § 15-4-210 shall not be deemed restrictive in its language to preclude the use of a standard professional services contract for: (A) The operation of a foreign office; (B) The payment of a contract from the special line item as established by legislative appropriation for the operation of a foreign office. (b) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	AGENCY REQUEST

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0790 DOC - Economic Development Commission **ACT#: 129** **SECTION#: 28**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
RURAL DEVELOPMENT. (a)(1) From the funds appropriated for community development grants within the Community Development Program in the Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal section of this act, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall allocate at least five hundred thousand ($500,000) per fiscal year to the Rural Development Set-Aside from the annual Community Development Block Grant, as defined in AEDC's Consolidated Plan filed with the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. (2) The funds allocated to the Rural Development Set-Aside are to be used exclusively for grants to rural communities as defined in the Consolidated Plan. (b) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	AGENCY REQUEST

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
GRANT REVIEW. (a)(1) The Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall review all applications eligible for a grant funds and shall certify those applications eligible for grant funds under AEDC and federal guidelines. (2) The Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission alone shall recommend which grant applications will be funded. (3) AEDC shall disburse grant funds from the Rural Development Set-Aside to those applicants receiving final approval by the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission. (4) AEDC and the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall promulgate rules and regulations governing the application for and disbursement of grant funds from the Rural Development Set-Aside. (5) An annual report of the disposition of the grant funds shall be made to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee. (b) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	AGENCY REQUEST

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0790 DOC - Economic Development Commission **ACT#: 129** **SECTION#: 30**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
TRANSFER PROVISION - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (CDBG) - FEDERAL. (a) After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior approval by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item appropriation authorized in the Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal section of this act to any other line item authorized in the Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal section of this act. (b)(1)(A) Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. (B) This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization Law. (C) Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Arkansas Economic Development Commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the commission authorizing broad powers under this section. (2)(A) Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. (B) The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section.	AGENCY REQUEST

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
(C) If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void. (c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
FLEXIBILITY RESTRICTIONS. (a) The transfer flexibility provided to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission within this act relating to the appropriation in the Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal section shall be used only when necessary to carry out the Community Development Block Grant Program and shall require approval by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee. (b)(1)(A) Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. (B) This is accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization Law. (C) Further, the General Assembly has determined that the commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the commission authorizing broad powers under this section. (2)(A) Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. (B) The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. (C) If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of	AGENCY REQUEST

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competent jurisdiction, this section is void. (c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	

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0790 DOC - Economic Development Commission **ACT#: 129** **SECTION#: 32**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED. (a)(1) The Arkansas Industrial and Economic Development Foundation, Inc., may make additional payments to the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission from private funding sources and upon prior approval from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, the Arkansas Industrial and Economic Development Foundation, Inc., and the Governor. (2) Such additional payments to the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall not be considered salary and shall not be deemed or construed to exceed the maximum salaries established for unclassified employees by the General Assembly. (3) Nothing in this section may be construed to reduce or eliminate the authority granted elsewhere in the Arkansas Code for the payment of allowances or bonuses to unclassified employees. (b) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	AGENCY REQUEST

0790 DOC - Economic Development Commission **ACT#: 129** **SECTION#: 33**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
CARRY FORWARD - INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM. (a) An unexpended balance of funds for the Industry Training Program in the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account that remains at the close of each fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year to be used for the same purpose as set forth by law. (b) Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized in this section may be carried forward under the following conditions: (1) Before June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028, the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason for the need to carry forward the funding to the Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and Administration; (2)(A) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee all amounts carried forward by the September Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting. (B) The report under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section shall include: (i) The name of the Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward; (ii) The program name or line item; (iii) The funding source of the appropriation; and (iv) A copy of the written request set forth in (1) above; (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution shall	AGENCY REQUEST

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provide a written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in subdivision (2) of this section, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose, etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days before the time the Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution presents its budget request to the Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee; and (4) Upon the completion of the conditions in subdivisions (b)(1)-(3) of this section, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained under subdivision (3) of this section in the budget manuals and provide any statement of noncompliance by the Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution. (c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	

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0790 DOC - Economic Development Commission **ACT#: 129** **SECTION#: 34**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
CARRY FORWARD - TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. (a) The Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission may carry forward an amount of up to one hundred fifty thousand dollars ($150,000) of any obligated but unexpended funds in the Technology Development line item in the Division of Science and Technology - State Operations section of this act for basic or applied research grants which remains at the end of the fiscal year ~~2027~~ 2028 to be used for the same purpose. (b) Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized in this section may be carried forward under the following conditions: (1) Before June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028, the agency by written statement shall set forth its reason for the need to carry forward the funding to the Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and Administration; (2)(A) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee all amounts carried forward by the September Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting. (B) The report under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section shall include: (i) The name of the Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward; (ii) The program name or appropriation line item;	AGENCY REQUEST

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(iii) The funding source of the appropriation; and (iv) A copy of the written statement under subdivision (b)(1) of this section; (3) The division shall provide a written report to the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in subdivision (b)(2) of this section, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose, etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days before the time the Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution presents its budget request to the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee; and (4) Upon the completion of the conditions in subdivisions (b)(1)-(3) of this section, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained under subdivision (b)(3) of this section in the budget manuals and provide any statement of noncompliance by the Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution. (c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	

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0790 DOC - Economic Development Commission **ACT#: 129** **SECTION#: 35**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
APPROPRIATION AND FUND TRANSFERS. (a)(1) After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission may transfer appropriation and funds from the Division of Science and Technology State Operations - Arkansas Acceleration Fund Program line item within the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account to the Arkansas Acceleration Fund. (2) The total of all transfers under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall not exceed three million five hundred thousand dollars ($3,500,000). (b) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	AGENCY REQUEST

0790 DOC - Economic Development Commission **ACT#: 129** **SECTION#: 36**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish, upon request from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, a special appropriation line item to be used in the acquisition of promotional items. (2) The commission may transfer appropriation from its operating expenses to promotional items. (3) The request shall be forwarded to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for processing after prior approval by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee. (b)(1)(A) Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. (B) This is usually accomplished by delineating the maximums in the appropriation act for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization Law. (C) Further, the General Assembly has determined that the AEDC may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the AEDC authorizing broad powers under this section. (2)(A) Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. (B) The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section.	AGENCY REQUEST

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(C) If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void. (c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
GRANT AWARD CRITERIA. (a)(1) The Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall promulgate rules establishing the criteria to be utilized in determining to whom grants will be made under this act. (2) Subject to the approval of the Governor, and approval by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, the division shall distribute the grants. (b)(1)(A) Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. (B) This is usually accomplished by delineating the maximums in the appropriation act for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization Law. (C) Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Rural Services Division of the AEDC may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Rural Services Division authorizing broad powers under this section. (2)(A) Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. (B) The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. (C) If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council	AGENCY REQUEST

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or the Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void. (c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	

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0790 DOC - Economic Development Commission **ACT#: 129** **SECTION#: 38**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
TRANSFER OF FUNDS. (a)(1) If revenue is available for transfer to and in support of the Arkansas Acceleration Fund Act, § 15-3-501 et seq., the Executive Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall certify to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State the amount needed for the transfer from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account to the Arkansas Acceleration Fund. (2) Upon the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the amount certified shall be transferred. (3) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall initiate the necessary transfer documents to reflect transfers upon the fiscal records of the Auditor of State, the Treasurer of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. (b) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	AGENCY REQUEST

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0790 DOC - Economic Development Commission **ACT#: 129** **SECTION#: 40**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
CARRY FORWARD - MILITARY AFFAIRS GRANT PROGRAM. (a) An unexpended balance of funds for the Military Affairs Grant Program in the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account that remains at the close of each fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year to be used for the same purpose as set forth by law. (b) Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized in this section may be carried forward under the following conditions: (1) Before June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028, the agency by written statement shall set forth its reason for the need to carry forward the funding to the Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and Administration; (2)(A) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee all amounts carried forward by the September Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting. (B) The report under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section shall include: (i) The name of the Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward; (ii) The program name or line item; (iii) The funding source of the appropriation; and (iv) A copy of the written statement under subdivision (b)(1) of this section;	AGENCY REQUEST

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(3) The Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution shall provide a written report to the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in subdivision (b)(2) of this section, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose, etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days before the time the Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution presents its budget request to the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee; and (4) Upon the completion of the conditions in subdivisions (b)(1)-(3) of this section, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained under subdivision (b)(3) of this section in the budget manuals and provide any statement of noncompliance by the Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution. (c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	

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0790 DOC - Economic Development Commission **ACT#: 129** **SECTION#: 41**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
CARRY FORWARD - ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND PROGRAM. (a) An unexpended balance of funds for the Arkansas Acceleration Fund Program line item in the Division of Science and Technology - State Operations section of this act that remains at the close of each fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year to be used for the same purpose as set forth by law. (b) Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized in this section may be carried forward under the following conditions: (1) Before June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028, the agency by written statement shall set forth its reason for the need to carry forward the funding to the Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and Administration; (2)(A) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee all amounts carried forward by the September Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting. (B) The report under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section shall include: (i) The name of the Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward; (ii) The program name or line item; (iii) The funding source of the appropriation; and (iv) A copy of the written statement under	AGENCY REQUEST

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
subdivision (b)(1) of this section; (3) The Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution shall provide a written report to the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in subdivision (b)(2) of this section, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose, etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days before the time the agency presents its budget request to the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee; and (4) Upon the completion of the conditions in subdivisions (b)(1)-(3) of this section, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained under subdivision (b)(3) of this section in the budget manuals and provide any statement of noncompliance by the Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution. (c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	

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0425 DOC - Insurance Department **ACT#: 147** **SECTION#: 26**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
TRANSFER PROVISION. (a) In the event the State Insurance Department is unable to maintain a full roster of examination personnel, and upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the resulting unused appropriations in Regular Salaries, Extra Help, and Personal Services Matching may be transferred to the Professional Services special line item for the purpose of contracting with qualified individuals or firms for examination assistance. (b) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	AGENCY REQUEST

0425 DOC - Insurance Department **ACT#: 147** **SECTION#: 27**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. (a) The proceeds from the reimbursement of travel expenses received by the Arkansas Insurance Department, shall be deposited into the same State Treasury fund or Fund Account from which the original travel expenditure was incurred as a refund to expenditure to the credit of the appropriation from which the original expenditure was made. (b) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	AGENCY REQUEST

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0810 DOC - Division of Workforce Services **ACT#: 130** **SECTION#: 57**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
CARRY FORWARD - STATE NEW HIRE REGISTRY. Any balance in the funds made available by this act for the New Hire Registry that remain on June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028, may be carried forward into the next fiscal year, to be used for the same purpose. Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions: (1) Before June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028 the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget; (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of funding carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set forth in (1) above; (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution shall provide a written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose, etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee; and (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and	AGENCY REQUEST

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
Administration shall include all information obtained in line item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	

0810 DOC - Division of Workforce Services **ACT#: 130** **SECTION#: 58**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
EXTRA HELP. (a) There is hereby authorized, for the Division of Workforce Services for the ~~2026-2027~~ 2027-2028 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: fifty (50) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, for the appropriate classification. Any of these positions utilized in a manner which are funded by federal sources are specifically exempt from limitation of hours, either by Act or Regulation (b) In order to comply with the timeliness requirements set forth by the Social Security Act, the Chairman of the Board of Review is authorized to utilize part-time or temporary employees from the pool of positions provided to the Division of Workforce Services in any occurrence where the number of appeals to the Board of Review or Appeal Tribunal increases above a level that can be resolved by the permanent staff in a timely manner. The Division of Workforce Services will determine the appropriate funding source within the Department for said positions. (c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	AGENCY REQUEST

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CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION. (a)(1) Subject to such rules as may be implemented by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after having sought the prior approval by the the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after having sought the prior approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, the Director of the Division of Workforce Services is hereby authorized to make transfers from any appropriation made by this Act to any other appropriation made by this Act with the exception of the : (A) "Reed Act Funds" appropriations set forth in the Reed Act Funds appropriation section of this act; and (B) of the Appropriation made for Regular Salaries or Maintenance and General Operation. (2) Such transfers may be made whenever it appears, by projecting the expenditures of any of the appropriations in this Act, that there will be a: (A) Deficiency of appropriation in one item; and (B) That there will be a corresponding excess of appropriation in another item or items which may be transferred. The transfer of appropriation shall be effected only on approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. Provided, however, (3) That no transfer of appropriations may be authorized to increase the total amount appropriated for Regular Salaries or Maintenance and General Operations, except as may be authorized elsewhere by law. (b)(1)(A) Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state	AGENCY REQUEST

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agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. (B) This is usually accomplished by delineating the maximums in the appropriation acts(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. (C) Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Division of Workforce Services may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Division of Workforce Services authorizing broad powers under this Section. (2)(A) Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. (B) The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. (C) If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void. (c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	

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CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
TRAINING TRUST FUND TRANSFER. (a) Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of State the sum of up to two million five hundred thousand dollars ($2,500,000) from the Division of Workforce Services Training Trust Fund to the Skills Development Fund. (b) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	AGENCY REQUEST

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0810 DOC - Division of Workforce Services **ACT#: 130** **SECTION#: 61**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
FEDERAL MATCHING. (a) The funds appropriated in sections of this act for Adult Basic and General Adult Education may also be used to match any available federal funds from any agency in order to provide the maximum amount of money possible for the purposes enumerated in the such Section. (b) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	AGENCY REQUEST

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CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
ADULT EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION. (a)(1) All funds that become available for Adult Education shall be distributed to those administrative units determined to be operating efficient adult education programs, under criteria established by the Division of Workforce Services. (2) The criteria shall include the: (A) Relative efficiency of administration of the program in the counties served; and (B) Achievement of federal performance indicators. (b)(1) The Division of Workforce Services shall promulgate rules and regulations for the distribution of funds in accordance with criteria to be determined by the Board. (2) In the distribution of funds to local units the board shall consider performance in meeting state and federal performance indicators. (c) Unallocated funds shall be redistributed based upon need as determined by the Division of Workforce Services. (d) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	AGENCY REQUEST

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CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
CARRY FORWARD - ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES. (a) Any balance in the funds made available by this act for Arkansas Rehabilitation Services which remain on June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028, may be carried forward into the next fiscal year, to be used for the same purpose. (b) Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions: (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028, the agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget; (2)(A) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting. (B) Which reports shall include: (i) The name of Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward; (ii) The program name or line item; (iii) The funding source of that appropriation; and (iv) A copy of the written request set forth in (1) above; (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution shall provide a written report to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with	AGENCY REQUEST

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a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose, etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee; and (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a statement of non-compliance by Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution. (c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	

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CARRY FORWARD - DIVISION OF STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND. (a) Any balance in the funds made available by this Act for the Division of State Services for the Blind which remain on June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028, may be carried forward into the next fiscal year, to be used for the same purpose. (b) Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions: (1) Before June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028, the Agency shall by written statement shall set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward the funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget; (2)(A) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting. (B) Which report shall include: (i) The name of the Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward; (ii) The program name or line item; (iii) The funding source of that appropriation; and (iv) A copy of the written request set forth in (1) above; (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution shall provide a written report to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with	AGENCY REQUEST

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a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose, etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee; and (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a statement of noncompliance by the Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution. (c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	

0810 DOC - Division of Workforce Services **ACT#: 130** **SECTION#: 65**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
TRANSITIONAL AUTHORITY - VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES. (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028, the appropriations, positions, and related funding associated with vocational rehabilitation services shall be utilized in a manner that supports the planned consolidation of services, subject to existing appropriation authority and applicable law. (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Division of Workforce Services, through Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, is authorized during the transition period to: (1) Submit amendments to Arkansas's vocational rehabilitation services portion of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Unified or Combined State Plan; (2) Represent to the United States Department of Education and other appropriate federal agencies that Arkansas intends to operate as a combined vocational rehabilitation agency; (3) Undertake planning, coordination, and other administrative actions necessary to obtain federal approval for the transition to a combined vocational rehabilitation agency structure; and (4) Take any action before the effective date of any statutory amendments necessary to fully implement the consolidation of vocational rehabilitation services. (c)(1) To ensure compliance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 701 et seq., as it existed on January 1, 2025: (A) The Division of Workforce Services shall serve as the designated state agency; and	AGENCY REQUEST

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(B) Arkansas Rehabilitation Services shall serve as the designated state agency for the administration of vocational rehabilitation services under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, 29 U.S.C. § 3101 et seq., as it existed on January 1, 2025. (2) Services to individuals who are blind or visually impaired shall continue to be provided through a distinct organizational unit within Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, to be known as the Office of Blind Services, in a manner consistent with federal law, and ensuring the provision of specialized and comprehensive services. (d) The authority granted under this section: (1) Is limited to actions necessary for fiscal alignment, federal planning, submission, approval, and transition coordination; and (2) Shall not, by itself, effectuate the transfer of statutory authority, programs, appropriations, positions, or funding except as otherwise authorized by law or by further action of the General Assembly. (e) This section is intended to ensure the continuity of services and funding, and it shall not be construed to interrupt services or federal funding. (f) All actions taken under this section shall: (1) Preserve services for individuals who are blind or visually impaired; (2) Maintain eligibility for all federal vocational rehabilitation funding; (3) Protect maintenance-of-effort requirements; and (4) Ensure uninterrupted service delivery to current and	

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future program participants. (g) This section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	

9915 Department of Veterans Affairs **ACT#: 16** **SECTION#: 14**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (a) At the close of the fiscal year the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall authorize the transfer of up to fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) of the balance of funds remaining in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to a sub-fund within the account for the Department of Veterans Affairs to support state veteran cemetery realignment and maintenance expenses in the appropriation entitled "Cemetery Realignment and Maintenance Expenses". (b) Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized in this section may be carried forward under the following conditions: (1) Before June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, the Department of Veterans Affairs by written statement shall set forth its reason for the need to carry forward the funding to the Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and Administration; (2)(A) The office shall report to the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee all amounts carried forward by the September Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting. (B) The report under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section shall include: (i) The name of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the amount of the funding carried forward from the first fiscal year to the second fiscal year; (ii) The program name or appropriation line item; (iii) The funding source of the appropriation; and (iv) A copy of the written statement under subdivision	AGENCY REQUEST

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(b)(1) of this section; (3) The Department of Veterans Affairs shall provide a written report to the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in subdivision (b)(2) of this section, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose, or similar item for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days before the time the Department of Veterans Affairs presents its budget request to the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee; and (4) Upon the completion of the conditions in subdivisions (b)(1)-(3) of this section, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained under subdivision (b)(3) of this section in the budget manuals and provide any statement of noncompliance by the Department of Veterans Affairs. (c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 through June 30, 2~~027~~ 2028.	

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0930 DEE - Environmental Quality Division **ACT#: 169** **SECTION#: 37**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
EQUIPMENT PURCHASE RESTRICTIONS. (a)(1) Expenditures from the Hazardous Substance Remedial Action Trust Fund for the purchase of Division of Environmental Quality laboratory equipment, including maintenance contracts, data processing equipment and mission-critical software, including maintenance contracts, as appropriated in the Capital Outlay and Data Processing Purchases line items of the Hazardous Waste Cleanup Program appropriation section, may be funded through interest earnings, investment earnings, and no more than three percent (3%) of the corpus of the Hazardous Substance Remedial Action Trust Fund and additional funding from the Hazardous Substance Remedial Action Trust Fund on July 1 of the fiscal year. (2) Further, the Division shall report annually to the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee all expenditures for purchases under subdivision (a)(1) of this section. (b) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027, through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	AGENCY REQUEST

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0930 DEE - Environmental Quality Division **ACT#: 169** **SECTION#: 38**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
FUND TRANSFER PROVISION. (a)(1) Upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Division of Environmental Quality may transfer from various department funds to the Division of Environmental Quality Fund Account the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars ($1,500,000) for the exclusive purpose of supplementing funding for the appropriation provided in the State Operations appropriation section of this act. (2) The funds under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall be used for personal services and operating expenses of state operations of the division (3)(A) Funds that remain in the Division of Environmental Quality Fund Account at the close of the fiscal year shall be carried forward and made available for the same purpose for the following fiscal year. (B) Funds under subdivision (a)(3)(A) of this section shall be used for the purpose stated in subdivision (a)(2) of this section. (b) The amounts transferred under this section shall not be considered as part of any statutory limitation on the use of funds for administration of programs of the division. (c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027, through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	AGENCY REQUEST

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0930 DEE - Environmental Quality Division **ACT#: 169** **SECTION#: 39**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
~~LANDFILL POST-CLOSURE CLEAN UP RESTRICTIONS. (a) Any expenditures in excess of two million dollars ($2,000,000) per site from the Landfill Post-Closure Trust Fund, as appropriated in the Contractual Services line item of the Landfill Post-Closure Program appropriation section of this act, for corrective action to remedy environmental impacts of closed disposal sites previously operated as a landfill pursuant to state law, shall be subject to review and approval by the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission after addressing corrective actions needed to address environmental impacts from permitted landfills closed properly.~~ ~~(b) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2026 2027, through June 30, 2027 2028.~~	AGENCY REQUEST

0930 DEE - Environmental Quality Division **ACT#: 169** **SECTION#: 40**

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
SHARED SERVICES. (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create a Shared Services paying accounts on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal services and operating expenses in the Shared Services Paying Account Appropriation by the Department of Energy and Environment. (2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. (b) The transfer authority provided to the department in subdivision (a)(2) of this section may be used to make transfers only within the department's appropriation act or between other appropriation acts authorized for the department. (c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of passage through June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.	AGENCY REQUEST